

3) From the **scribes, Pharisees** and **Sadducees**

- Because of his **kind of religion**
- Because of the **claims** he made for himself

“If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink.” John 7:37

“Truly, truly, I say to you before Abraham was I am.” John 8:58

“I and the Father are one.” John 10:30

“When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’”
John 11:43

What drove Jesus on to the cross was **love** for us.

“Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”
John 15:13

*“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”* Isaiah 53:6

*“Jesus who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising
the shame”* Hebrews 12:2

Small Group Discussion Guide:

- 1) Identify persons you know who have drive and single-mindedness in life and what you think of them.
- 2) To what goal does Jesus exhibit determination and a straightforward purpose?
- 3) In what form did Jesus experience resistance to his goal from his own disciples? In what ways do we try to fit Jesus into our lives?
- 4) Read Luke 9:57-62. What can we say about people who aren't quite ready to follow Jesus?
- 5) Discuss the irony that the most religious people in the land where those that mounted the greatest opposition to Jesus.

6) What drives so many of our single-minded, successful cultural heroes today? What drove Jesus on to Jerusalem – and the cross?

7) What does Jesus single-mindedness in going to Jerusalem have to say about our life of discipleship?



Redeeming Notes

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*As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven,
Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. Luke 9:51*

From the start of his ministry Jesus taught that he was going to **die**

“I know where I came from and where I am going.” John 8:14

Jesus had clear **single-mindedness** and **determination**

Jesus encounters resistance

1) From his **disciples**

“When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, ‘Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?’” Luke 9:54

The disciples wanted Jesus to **fit into their lives**

2) From **would-be** disciples

“Jesus replied, ‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God’.” Luke 9:62

Daily Reading Plan:

This Reading Plan is an aide to help focus on “The Life of Christ” message series. Each week’s reading’s are preparatory for the upcoming message.

Monday - Luke 19; Luke 20

Tuesday - Luke 21; Luke 22

Wednesday - Luke 23; Luke 24

Thursday - Matthew 21

Friday - Matthew 22; Matthew 23

Weekend - Matthew 24; Matthew 25; Matthew 26